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[Redacted] report which gives information on installations at the Friedrich Franz Casern, Neuruppin, and exercises and rail shipments in the Neuruppin area. A sketch showing the installations at the Casern is also included.

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(22 Apr - 5 May 58)

1. FRIEDRICH - FRANZ - KASERNE

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The Friedrich - Franz - Kaserne is occupied by Soviet artillery units. This barrack complex has the following buildings:

- a) Parallel to the FEHRBELLINER STR. is a 2-storeyed accommodation block ca. 60 m. long. Each floor has ca. 30 windows. There is a similar sized block parallel to the THOMAS-MANN STR.
- b) The main entrance is on the FEHRBELLINER STR. Two wooden huts for the guard are either side of the entrance gate.
- c) There is a prison building on the FEHRBELLINER STR., ca. 10 m. long with ground floor only.
- d) Next to the prison is a 2-storeyed block 40 m. long in which workmen are carrying out repairs.
- e) Next to this building are 3, 1-storeyed buildings ca. 15 m. long for officers families with a kitchen building adjacent.
- f) Along the JUNKER STR. there are three garage like buildings. One of the buildings has 15 m. high mast with star shaped aerial. A ZIS-151 W/T truck stands often next to this building.
- g) On the barrack square a wooden open garage shed ca. 100 m. long was built in the autumn of 1957.
- h) Two stone built garage buildings of 50 m. long lie parallel to and North of the wooden garage mentioned in (g) above.
- i) Two more brick built garage buildings lie north of those mentioned in (h) above. The one is ca. 40 long and the other ca. 60 m. long.
- j) Another similar shed 50 - 60 m. long is located in the North East corner on the JUNKER STR.
- k) Two buildings are located in the North West corner of the barrack complex. They are ground floor only with barred windows; use not known.

2. There is a Russian store outside the barrack complex where the JUNKER STR. joins the FEHRBELLINER STR.

3. Pioneer Exercises

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On the 22nd and 23rd April 1958 at 08.30 hrs. a column of vehicles left GENTRODE driving to the ALT RUPPINER SCHLEUSE near NEUMÜLLE (MR. 546703), composed as follows:-

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- a) 16 x ZIS - 151 each with a metal pontoon.
 - b) 3 x ZIS - 151 with angle irons.
 - c) 2 x ZIS - 151 with wooden supports.
 - d) 1 x ZIS - 151 with one motor boat.
 - e) 1 x Studebaker crane truck.
4. On each day the vehicles were off-loaded on the SCHLEUSE ALT RUPPIN, and bridge building exercises took place. The bridge was dismantled by the evening. Thirty - forty men with black/blue shoulderboards took part in the exercises.

5. The pontoons were connected flush to one another in the water. They each had a man hole ca. 40 cm. across which was closed with a metal hatch when in the water.

6. Rail Transport

On the 29th April 1958 from 16.00 - 19.30 hrs. a Russian transport train was off loaded, of the following equipment which drove off in the direction of GENTZRODE:-

- a) 24 x ZIS - 151 with 24 metal pontoons all brand new. The pontoons had covered decks with 40 cm. square hatches as described in 5) above. The pontoons had Plimsoll scales starting ca. 15 cm. from the bottom with figures in white depicting depth from 10 - 100 cm.
- b) 1 x ZIS - 151 crane truck.
- c) 1 x ZIS - 151 with 2 tanks approximately 1.2 m. high and 0,8 m. in diameter. The tanks were painted olive green as were the pontoons and also looked brand new.

7. On the 5.5.58 at 11.00 hrs. five cistern wagons were shunted by a steam engine to the airfield.

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